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October 16, 1958

Mr. Chuck Lucas
c/o Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas

Dear Chuck:

Sue and I were very happy to receive your letter. We had almost come to the point of accepting the idea you just didn't intend to write us. Of course, we are both aware that your time in writing must be spent in "amorous epistles".

The work here at Northridge continues to progress very nicely. In the last month we have had two very fine families to move into the area and be identified with us. Since the meeting we have had several baptisms and restorations. At the present time our attendance is running well above 280 and three Sundays ago we had 321. Our contributions have increased to the point we are averaging almost \$450 a week.

Chuck, I talked with the Elders last evening concerning the prospects, or possibility, of your coming to work with us next summer. I, of course, am thoroughly convinced that we need your help and assistance greatly. The Elders, of course, did not give me a definite answer as to what they would do. I, of course, told them we would need to let you know definitely what would happen before Christmas. Bro. Harley suggested I be certain and make no commitments to you. Of course I did not intend to do that in the first place, but nevertheless, he cautioned me concerning it. I do believe that they will eventually OK the idea and I certainly can assure you I will be working at it very diligently.

The prospects of our new building look very great. We are right at the threshold of purchasing a 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre tract of land with the idea of building an \$85,000 church building and \$10,000 preacher's home, all of which would be built at the same time and occupied by August 1959, so it certainly appears that you and Bro. Bradfield did a tremendous job of motivation.

Sue and I are expectantly awaiting to hear of the birth of the first Traugher grandchild. I hasten to point out this heir is to come from the Goodpasture side of the family just in case you were entertaining any other ideas.

Ann wrote Sue and me last week, which shocked us almost to the point of no return. Nevertheless, we were happy to hear from her. In her letter she expressed her happiness about the way things have turned out between the two of you. She started the letter with the purpose of telling us about how things were going at home, but before the first paragraph was finished the theme of the letter was "Chuck", and from that point she proceeded without deviation on the same theme to the end of the letter.

We hope to hear from you occasionally and as soon as I know something definite concerning the work I will notify you. I wonder if it would be a good idea for you to write a personal letter to each one of the Elders, telling them of the work that you are doing in preparing for a summer's activity in the church music field. I think this would possibly help them to make up their minds as to your coming. I will enclose in this letter the addresses of each of these men and suggest that you write them a letter concerning these things, not necessarily asking for the position, but telling them how much you enjoyed working with the church this summer in the meeting, the prospects that you see for us in the future, and ways that you feel you might be able to contribute to our work.

Sue and I send our kindest regards and Christian love.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk